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For: PROBE STRUCTURES INCORPORATING NANOWHISKERS, PRODUCTION METHODS THEREOF, AND METHODS OF FORMING NANOWHISKERS

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RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Responding to the Office Action mailed May 14, 2006, Applicants elect the invention of Group II (Claims 1-8 and 13-19) for examination in this application. Applicants further elect Species IIA (Claims 4 and 15) for prosecution on the merits, Claims 1-3 and 13-14 having been indicated to be generic. Accordingly, Claims 1-4 and 13-15 are considered to be readable on the elected species, and an action on the merits is respectfully requested with respect to those claims.

Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications for the non-elected inventions/species.

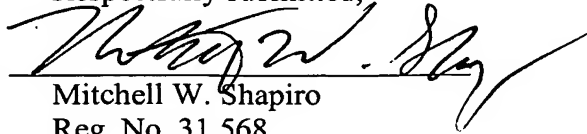
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 50-1165 any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this paper and to credit any

overpayment to that Account. If any extension of time is required in connection with the filing of this paper and has not been separately requested, such extension is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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